

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 5, 2008 and preceding Office Action mailed July 9, 2008 have been carefully considered. Within the Office Action Claims 55, 56, 61, 71, 74-76, 79, 81, 84-86, 88, 91-93, 95, 98 and 99 have been rejected; and Claims 53, 69, 77 and 78 have been allowed. The Applicants have amended Claims 55, 56, 71 and 81 and have cancelled Claims 74-76. The Applicants reserve the right to further pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation and/or divisional application as well as for appeal purposes. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 55, 56, 61, 71, 74-76, 79, 81, 84-86, 88, 91-93, 95, 98 and 99 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to expedite prosecution of the present application, Claims 55, 56, 61, 71 and 81 have been amended to overcome the rejection. In addition, Claims 74-76 have been cancelled to overcome the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 53, 69, 77 and 78 have been allowed.

Conclusion

It is believed that this reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this reply is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-3557.

Respectfully submitted,

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